

GILA NATIONAL FOREST



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Reserve District Hazardous Fuels Reduction Projects Completed

Reserve District has successfully completed and met the objectives on three planned prescribed fires: Gatlin (3,400), Sheep Basin (600), and Squirrel Springs (600). District personnel, along with the assistance from Quemado Ranger District, Black Range Ranger District, and Supervisors Office personnel, were able to successfully treat a total of 4,600 acres on the Reserve Ranger District.

“We expect to continue our efforts with hazardous fuels reduction projects. Future projects include mechanical treatments, thinning, and prescribed burning,” said fuels specialist, Pete Delgado.

Spring is the time of year when the weather is usually dry and often windy. Prescribed fire in early spring is effective in reducing hazardous accumulations of fuels. If hazardous fuels go untreated, they can contribute to the spread of uncontrollable wildfires. Managed fires can create desirable effects leading to improved forest health and productive vegetation mosaics.

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